

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Tetsu SHIGETOMI et al.  
Serial No. : 10/081,973  
For : INFORMATION REPRODUCING APPARATUS  
AND METHOD OF SAME  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 3, 2008 having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on April 3, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.